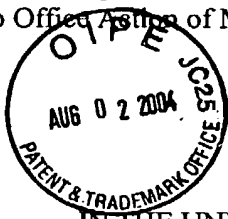


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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/024,506

Filed: December 21, 2001

FOR: A MINIMALLY-INVASIVE SYSTEM
AND METHOD FOR MONITORING
ANALYTE LEVELS

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Examiner: Robert L. Nasser

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 2, 2004, the due date for response being extended to August 2, 2004 with the petition for extension made herein and payment of the fee prescribed in 37 CFR §1.17(a)(2), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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